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RYBAT () (OASCOPE) UTILITY

REF A. (EGMS) 9478

B. () -14 129 () 45632

C. () 13976 () 466540

1. VIA () UTILITY HAS INFORMED () BASE AS

FOLLOWS:

A. HE HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 3 FEB 72 FROM PETER V. RITNER, VICE PRES WORLD PUBLISHING CO, STATING ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION UTILITY MEMOIRS NOW APPROACHING COMPLETION, EXPRESSING THANKS FOR UTILITY AID TO DAVID IRVING IN PREPARING BOOK, PROMISING TO TRY MAKE BOOK ONE OF TWO OR THREE BIGGEST SUCCESSES OF YEAR IN ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES INTO WHICH WILL TRANSLATE FROM ENGLISH. RITNER ASKS UTILITY TO CONSIDER TRIP TO STATES AROUND MAY 72 PUBLICATION DATE, ADDING THAT HE WOULD PLAN TRY SET UP NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT TV AND PRESS INTERVIEWS (IN LIEU OF LARGE SPEAKING TOUR) WHICH SHOULD ENABLE UTILITY TO "REACH TENS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE".

B. UTILITY WOULD LIKE MAKE VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY GERMAN PUBLISHER VOLKER HANSEN. HOWEVER HE WOULD NOT DO SO

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IF BKTRUST WOULD JUDGE IT EMBARRASSING TO HAVE HIM IN STATES. PERSONALLY HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS DANGER OF "COMPROMISE" BUT WISHES TO HAVE BKTRUST REACTION BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

2. () BASE/STATION VIEWS ^{AS} ~~VS~~ FOLLOWS:

A. WE SEE NO HARM ACCRUING TO (BKTRUST) AS LONG AS IT CLEAR TO BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALDOM AND PUBLIC, AS IT SHOULD ^P BE, THAT TRIP IS SPONSORED BY WORLD PUBLISHING CO AND HAS AS ONLY AIM PUBLICITY FOR UTILITY BOOK, AND AS LONG AS UTILITY AND () ARE NOT IN STATES AT SAME TIME.

B. AS SOON AS DATE FOR () VISIT IS FIRM, SUGGEST THAT () BASE VIA () INFORM UTILITY THAT (BKTRUST) PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO HIS TRAVEL TO STATES, BUT WOULD "PREFER" IT TAKE PLACE DURING SECOND HALF RATHER THAN FIRST HALF OF MAY. IF UTILITY SHOULD INQUIRE AS TO WHY (BKTRUST) HAS THIS PREFERENCE, THEN WOULD HAVE () TELL HIM THAT OFFICIAL VISIT BY () IS SCHEDULE FOR FIRST HALF OF MAY AND POSSIBILITY OF ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO ANY PARTY WOULD BE ELIMINATED IF BOTH MEN NOT IN STATES AT SAME TIME.

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C. PRESUMABLY BY TIME COS INTRODUCES CHIEF EUR
TO [] ON 10 APRIL AT CASCOPE HQS, SITUATION WITH
RESPECT TO TIMING OF BOTH [] AND UTILITY TRIP WILL
BE CLEAR. (COS,) IN LINE WITH POLICY OF OPEN DEALING WITH
[] WOULD INFORM LATTER THAT HE UNDERSTANDS "FROM
PUBLISHING CONTACTS IN STATES" THAT UTILITY PLANS TRAVEL TO
STATES IN LATE MAY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLICITY ATTENDANT
UPON PUBLICATION OF HIS BOOK. COS) BROACHING OF TOPIC SHOULD
NOT COME AS SURPRISE TO [] BECAUSE BOOK HAS BEEN
SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION PREVIOUSLY.

3. REQUEST HQS VIEWS.

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